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Thank You,- Friends!

We face July with apprehension,for we have been kept so busy,since the last Gossip was mailed,that we have no thoughts at all for this one,-only a feeling of gratitude for the splendid orders we have received;for the splendid letters of appreciation,of criticism,and of suggestion;even for the occasional letters of complaint.We mean what we say when we ask you to tell us promptly and frankly if our shipments fail to arrive in good condition.Only when you do,can we make them good,at once.

The suggestions;the photographs;the uncommon common names;and all the interesting information we have had are appreciated,and will be used,as we can adapt them to our needs.We could use up a lot of them in this copy of the Gossip,and then be short of material for our next,perhaps.One that we are using,however,that we thank the sender for,again,is the marking of the corners of both the front and back pages,so that you can readily distinguish the Gossip amongst a pile of other catalogues and publications.

With the feeling of good will that we have,and faced with a dearth of ideas to create a desire for plants;wishing to show our appreciation,but desiring to reap some profit from doing it,we are falling back on the oldest known publicity stunt--

A CUT PRICE SALE.

It isn't that we have a lot of plants that we want to dispose of,for we have never had as few as at present,since 1930.In fact we are working hard now to increase our stocks.There are a few things that we have to transplant and really do want to partly dispose of;it will help if we know what the future demand is to be;and it also helps to know what things are liked.But don't judge us too quickly! Read the following offer.Isn't this saving grateful to you? Doesn't it express gratitude on our part?

ON ALL ORDERS FOR ANY PLANTS WE HAVE OFFERED AND CAN STILL SUPPLY,IN THIS AND PREVIOUS GOSSIPS,WE WILL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS. 20% ON ORDERS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY. 10% ON ORDERS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.DELIVERY TO BE MADE AT ANY TIME YOU DESIRE,DURING THE 1936 SEASON.ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH. AND AS AN EXTRA INDUCEMENT,WE WILL SEND FREE WITH EACH NET ORDER FOR $2.00 OR MORE,ANY HEMEROCALLIS YOU CHOOSE WHICH WE OFFER IN THE MARCH GOSSIP AT 50¢ EACH OR LESS. ON ANY ORDER FOR $5.00(NET) OR MORE,WE WILL SEND YOUR CHOICE OF ANY HEMEROCALLIS WE OFFER AT $1.00 EACH,OR LESS.

All prices include delivery without charge,except 5% extra West of the Mississippi River.We reserve the right to choose shipping method.

ORIENTAL POPPIES.

The flaming colors of the Poppies seem to presage the days to come.But in early June they are welcome,even tho they do remind us of sweltering July. And oddly enough,it is in July and August,of which they seem so symbolic that they can be most safely planted.For as soon as their flowering time is over,the tops wither,and the plant becomes dormant for a time.They can be planted with perfect safety on the hottest days--try it,its a supreme test of your claim to being a 'real dirt gardener'.

While these Poppies will thrive nearly anywhere,save in a wet heavy soil, and in all sections of the country,they are apparently,particularly at home in the warmer North,and well into the South,in sections where many other fine Perennials will suffer in the midsummer heat.One recent writer finds humus a necessity for best growth,and attains it,as well as dissembling the barren space the Poppies leave,by planting Zinnias in the beds,and mulching heavily with grass clippings,which are left to rot.This also controls weeds.On heavy soils,watch out for slugs,under the clippings.They often eat Poppy crowns.If bothersome in the June garden,put down a few small flat stones,so the slugs can hide under them in daylight.If touched with a dry stick,they will adhere to it,and may be then dropped in a jar of kerosene.

We are still assembling Poppy varieties here.No doubt some will be let go in time.But with few exceptions,all we have are distinct,and where colors are alike,they often supplement each other.Please recall,too,that the odd deep shades,as Henri Cayeux,should be given shade at flowering time,to see them at their best,as they scald in full sunlight.

EXCEPT AS OTHER PRICES ARE GIVEN,ALL POPPIES ARE SUPPLIED AT A UNIFORM RATE OF 25¢ each;10 for $2.00;100 for $18.00;POSTPAID.Not less than five absolutely alike,will be sent at the ten rate,nor 25 alike at the 100 rate.

APRICOT QUEEN.True apricot pink,with large silky petals,and dark purple blotch.

CERISE BEAUTY.A large strong plant,with flowers of a bright glowing cerise.

E.A.BOWLES.A most charming and delicate shade of shell pink,the petals well crinkled.A good plant,and sure to flower well.A favorite here.

DELICATA.Old-rose pink,of very silky texture.Best in half shade.50¢ each.

FAIRY.Much like E.A.Bowles,but slightly smaller.Very early,an easy doer,and sure to bloom. A delicate and lovely sort.

GOLD OF OPHIR.We purchased this variety with the understanding that it had to be established for at least a year,before it disclosed its true color,- a golden yellow.Having propagated it each year,we have not seen it at its best,but our one year old flowers were distinctly golden.$2.50 each.

HENRI CAYEUX.Old rose,shading into burgundy.Very unusual coloring,which needs shade for proper development.$1.00 each.

JEANNE MAWSON.Extremely large flowers and a vigorous plant.In color a lovely peach pink.It flowers early,and is quite the best of its color.

JOYCE.Another strong erect variety,with flowers of cerise and old-rose.Extra.

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ORIENTAL POPPIES,--cont'd.

JULIA BUCK.A new sort,from Dr.Neeley,with large full flowers of a deep coral-pink on strong rigid stems.A great favorite.$1.00;5 for $4.00.

LIGHTNESS.A strong grower of a pleasing soft rose.Petals ruffled.$1.00 each.

LORD LAMBOURNE.This is a brilliant scarlet,slightly deeper than the common poppy.Supposed to have deeply fringed petals,but all we have seen were but slightly incised at the edge.

LULU A NEELEY.The best dark red poppy in existance,and one of the finest of all poppies grown.Starts slowly in spring,but permanent.50¢ each.

MAGNIFICUS.Another new variety,very deep scarlet.Lovely and showy.$1.00 each

MAHONY.Mahogany purple.Unusual and good.We are glad to say that we have had good luck with our propagations of this variety,and that it has flowered well this year. 50¢ each.

MAY QUEEN.The first double poppy,orange touched scarlet,very showy.

MRS.PERRY.If we could have but one variety,it would still be this old favorite. The lovely salmon pink color is unsurpassed,and the plant is always in good humor.Always grows,always flowers,always pleases.

NEGRILLON.Bordeaux and lavender,an odd combination of red and rose,that needs shade to develop perfectly.$1.00 each.

PRINCESS ENA.Much like Mrs.Perry,in color.The flowers are more tulip shaped, and less cup-like,however.

PROSERPINE.Chinese red,with a very black center.A late,tall variety,that is vigorous and free flowering.If you like color,this will please you.

SILVER BLICK.Salmon pink,with delicate base markings.Avery lovely sort.

SPOTLESS.A beautiful pink,amply described by the name.

WATTEAU.Pure coral pink,low,and a profuse bloomer.Lovely and rare.50¢ each.

WELCOME.Deep scarlet,with shaggy petals and black center.$1.00 each.

WURTEMBERGIA.Enormous cerise scarlet flowers,opening out as flat as a plate. An entire garden full of color by itself.Gorgeously showy.

POPPY GOSSIP.

We have a mystery-one might almost call it a mysterious trouble,which we want to share with you.In fact,we may have already done so.For years we have been growing Perry's White Poppies,here,and elsewhere.Always it was not a variety that one could depend on.But here,it seemed to rather well,particularly last year.We wrote of it that it was flowering last June,as we supposed an absolutely true strain.As the blooms opened,imagine our disgust to find a good part were Mrs.Perry.We sorted them over,carefully,and had to refuse some white orders.SO,we took every precaution,to propagate a large bed only from plants that were surely white.Dug the stock plants ourselves.And this year,not one percent of the resulting bed is white.Bad enough not to have it to offer.But worse,to our Yankee curiosity,not to know why.Who can tell us?

PEONIES.

STRONG DIVISIONS ONLY,FOR SEPTEMBER DELIVERY. NO ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR LESS THAN $1.00,OR AS INCLUDED WITH OTHER PLANTS TO THE AMOUNT OF $1.00 OR MORE.We do not guarantee to supply any of these Peonies at these prices,after our own supply is exhausted.

ALBATRE.White,centre tipped red.Strong erect plant.Midseason.Best white,at the price.25

ALBERT CROUSSE.A very late,sea-shell pink flower of perfect shape.35¢

CHESTINE GOWDY.Silvery pink,growing deeper at the center.35¢ each.

CLAIRE DUBOIS.A later M.Jules Elie,with a wonderful silvery sheen.40¢ each

DORCHESTER.The latest Peony.A fine deep pink, almost salmon.35¢ each.

EDULIS SUPERBA.The earliest good rose-pink sort.First Peony to open.25¢ each

EUGENIE VERDIER.An early,extra large,pink.A fine bloom that lasts well.35¢ each

FELIX CROUSSE.The best midseason red,and when well grown,the finest red. 25¢ each

FESTIVA MAXIMA.The favorite white.Pink tipped flowers. 25¢ each.

FRANCES WILLARD.An immense flower;blush-white fading to pure white. 75¢ each.

GEORGIANNA SHAYLOR.Extremely large,flesh pink flower.Midseason. 50¢ each.

JAMES KELWAY.Rose-white,changing to milk-white,fading to pure white.50¢ each.

KARL ROSENFIELD.Fine rich velvety crimson. Midseason.A choice red sort.35¢ each.

LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF.An immense cup-shaped pale pink bloom. 35¢ each

LE CYGNE.The world's finest Peony.White. Very large,and distinct. $1.00 each

LIVINGSTONE.Pale lilac rose,with silver tips. A compact,double bloom.25¢ each.

LONGFELLOW.Brilliant crimson.Brightest colored sort we grow.50¢ each.

A MOVING TALE.

Call it what you will, this story certainly ends to your advantage.

During the past several years,we have kept our Peonies on the same land,adding to the older lots as was necessary, by shovel planting.So that now our field consists of no plants less than three years old,and many are much older.For the good of the plants;to effect certain economies in Nursery operation;and to restore the proper 'balance' (we have too many of some,not enough of others);we intend to take up the entire field and plant back strong divisions on an entirely new field.

We shall certainly have more than we shall need,of many kinds.Rather than offer them to other Nurserymen,at low prices,we are offering them to you.Each division sent will be a standard planting size root,such as we shall put in our own rows.Delivery will be made in September.The July and August discounts for orders with cash accompanying them, will be allowed.One condition only is made.Because of mailing cost,we will fill no orders for less than $1.00.This may be other plants than Peonies of course.

And may we add--IF ANY PLANT WE SEND YOU DOESN'T SUIT YOU IN ANY PARTICULAR,YOU MAY SEND IT BACK AT ONCE,AND WE WILL REFUND ITS COST AND THE RETURN POSTAGE AS WELL.These are real Peony plants,and we stand back of them!

IRIS.

WHAT,-no Iris in a July Gossip? No,they are to be found in the March 15th issue, on P.9.Its a good list,and we have some good plants.We cannot keep up with the offerings of the Specialists in this flower. But we can obtain any wanted variety,and will gladly quote.

BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD.

Please turn back to the May Gossip, pages 6 and 7.

We had allotted space on these two pages for the DICENTRAS, both canadensis and cucullaria; for CORYDALIS bulbusa; LEUCOCRINUM montanum MERTENSIA virginica; LYCORIS squamigera; and we meant to mention the Hemerocallis again, tho to find these last you must go clear back to March, pages 4 and 5.

These are all things that you will want to enjoy next May. All, or nearly all, must or should be planted during the dormant period in midsummer, to ensure the best success, next year. They simply will not do well in spring, no matter how early they are sent out. Take the saving offered for July orders to buy an extra number of each. Have them sent at any time you want. BY THE WAY, - if you have mis laid either the March or May Gossips, just drop us a card, we have plenty more.

LISTEN, friends. How many more times must we urge you all to plant BLEEDING HEART under Apple Trees; Flowering Crabs, and other small specimen trees. Dicentra spectabilis likes shade. So does Mertensia. Edge the area with it. We shall have fine Bleeding Heart again this fall, at 30¢ each; 5 for $1.35; 10 for $2.50. And if you order in July, you can get two extra on ten.

OUR ADDRESS IS-

GARDENSIDE NURSERIES, INC.,

SHELBURNE VERMONT.

Come up and see us, any time!

PEONIES, --cont'd.

LOUIS VAN HOUTTE. A good double red, that is unexcelled for mass planting. 15¢ each.

MARGUERITE GERARD. Enormous flat pale pink flowers, fading to white. 25¢ each

MARIE CROUSSE. Pale lilac-rose. A midseason bomb type flower of great beauty. 25¢.

MARIE LEMOINE. The latest white, an extra large double bloom. Very fine. 35¢ each.

MARTHA BULLOCK. Very large. Deep rose-pink, fading to silvery pink. 75¢ each.

MME. AUG. DESSERT. Bright rose, the center flecked crimson. Early midseason. 25¢ each.

MME DUCEL. Large incurved silvery pink bloom. Midseason to late. 25¢ each.

MME. EMILE GALLE. Sea shell pink. Ethereally beautiful. 25¢ each.

MME JULES DESSERT. Pure white, with distinct pink center. 50¢ each

OFFICINALIS RUBRA. The well known red Peony, opening for Decoration Day. 25¢ each.

SARAH BERNHARDT. Appleblossom pink. Immense flowers. Excels all others in its color. 25¢

SOLANGE. White shaded brown. A perfectly formed bloom. No other Peony like it. 50¢ each.

SUZETTE. Bengal rose, slightly shaded carmine-purple. Silvery reflex. 35¢ each.

THERESE. Rich violet-rose. Enormous flower. 50¢

TOURANGELLE. Delicate rose, over pearly white. Shaded with salmon. Late. 50¢ each.

TR. DE L'EXP. DE LILLE. Flat, fragrant hydrangea pink blooms. We like it. 25¢ each.

VENUS. Pale hydrangea-pink, with lighter collar. Fine midseason sort. 25¢ each.

WALTER FAXON. Bright rose. A distinct, delicately colored bloom. Very choice. 50¢ each.

SINGLE PEONIES.

LA FIANCEE. Clear white. 25¢ each

L'ETINCELANTE. Rich carmine edged silver. 35¢

TWO THINGS WE'D LIKE--

Either to have each and every one who reads this,have a walk about the Nursery,at least once a week,all summer;or else to be able to send out these Gossips oftener,and to devote most of the space in them to telling you of the things we see each day as we do walk in the fields.

Please understand us.After twenty years of varied experience in Nurseries;under Glass;and in other folk's Gardens;we know only too well,how little we have yet learned. When we try to tell you things about our plants,we give you our impressions,and the things we believe to be true,and usually are true,about them and their culture,under our conditions.

We are much farther North,than many ofyou. But we less than 100 feet above sea level.In a way,our climate is comparable to that of the more southern New England States,save that our winters are steadier,and the snow comes earlier,and stays later.But our summers are entirely different in one aspect.Nights are invariably cool.Many plants that thrive here in open field culture,dry up in other sections.Please keep that in mind when you attempt to cultivate the native Orchids,Ferns and other woodland plants,as well as many of the choice Alpine and Rockery plants from other parts of the world.

We started to tell you of our experiences with some of the Californian bulbs.At one time,we purchased and offered a number of all of these,getting them from Mr.Purdy,of whom everyone knows.We found we could grow most of them here.But we also found this.Most of t hem if we tried to grow them in the open fields, had to be dug and stored thru the summer.We reason this way.All of these have a dry dormant period in summer.In our fields here,they become too dry,at this time,unless given shade or a slightly moist location,both of which they like.But when we did that,our winters proved too much for them.In sections with slightly warmer winters,in partial shade,we believe anyone can grow the Brodiaeas;the Calochortus;Erythroniums and Frittillarias. However,the Camassias do extremely well here, in any slightly damp spot,and readily become naturalized.One day this May,we stepped out for a moment,to look about,to be amazed by three foot spikes of blue,white,and cream, on the small bed of bulbs we planted out late last fall.If you could see them,you'd want them too.

CAMASSIAS.

LEICHTLINII,BLUE.These from Mr.Purdy,range from the palest lavender to dark blue.They are real giants, too,growing to 4' in good moist soil.Never plant them singly,they are best in small groups.

LEICHTLINII,WHITE AND CREAM. This is a light colored strain of the preceding. It was especially fine here,this year.

QUAMASH.Mr.Purdy now considers this a different form from C.esculenta of the mid-West His strain is nearly as strong and tall growing as C.leichtlinii,and is of an even dark slaty blue.

Any of the above;3 for 35¢; 10 for $1.00;25 for $2.25.

TRILLIUM.

ERECTUM.Purple Trillium or Wake-Robin.Very early.

GRANDIFLORUM.The finest of all our Eastern Trillium.Large white flowers fading to rose.Nursery grown roots.

OVATUM.The Western form of our T.grandiflorum.Very large and fine.

SESSILE CALIFORNICUM.A fragrant pure white form from the West Coast.

STYLOSUM.A Southern form,that is perfectly hardy here. White,stained with rose.

UNDULATUM.Painted Trillium. White with a deep red-purple spotin the throat

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All Trillium are,-3 for 50¢; 10 for $1.25;100 for $10.00.

BLOODROOT.

Large white flowers,over pale green leaves,carpet rocky hillsides,about us here,in the very early spring.A fine thing for the Rockery.Prices same as for Trillium,above.

LILIUM CANDIDUM

We have a bed of bulbs of the Madonna Lily,that are about to bloom,as this is written.While they last,these bulbs,grown here for one year will be sent from July on. After they are exhausted,we shall supply imported bulbs, not available until September

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35¢ each;10 for $3.00.

COLCHICUM.

AUTUMNALE.Large lavender blue cups,much showier than Crocus,appear in September and October.

BORNMULLERI.Fine,cup shaped long tubed flowers,of rosy lilac,almost deep pink.50¢ each;10--$3.50

SPECIOSUM.Deep rose-purple. Very large and fine.

WHITE.Large clear white cups with yellow center.

35¢ each;3 for $1.00;10 for $3.00;EXCEPT AS NOTED.

FALL CROCUS.

SATIVUS.Large lilac purple flowers;showy orange center October and later.

SPECIOSUS.Large,bright blue flowers;deep orange anthers

ZONATUS.Rose-lilac,with yellow throat.Easily forced in the house,in damp sand.

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5 for 35¢;25 for $1.25.

SPRING FLOWERING CROCUS.

BLUE,--WHITE,--YELLOW.
Best varieties only.

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5 for 35¢;25 for $1.25

NARCISSUS OR DAFFODILS. CUT FLOWER MIXTURE.

A fine assortment of all kinds of Narcissi,for the Wild Garden,or for rows in the vegetable garden for cutting.100 for $4.50;1000 for $40.00.

HOLLAND BULBS.

Those of us who dabble in all the varied departments of our trade,become so used to the above term,that is only when we chance upon some article dealing with the history of the bulbs we name so readily,that we realize how few of them were ever found naturally there.But so accustomed have we become to thinking of Holland and Tulips Crocus Daffodils,and Hyacinths,that it was almost a shock to receive this very day,a finely illustrated catalogue,from Japan,dealing with the selfsame bulbs.We refrain from commenting on the peculiarities of language,occuring.

Except for Daffodils,which are now grown largely in America,we are still dependent on Holland to a great extent,for the bulbs which beautify our gardens before any other plants scarcely have started,-or again,late in the fall,we enjoy the Colchicum and Crocus that flower only at that time.It seems a far cry now,to those first warm spring days,after the dreary winter.But assuredly,Winter will come, Spring will follow,and you will want the show of bloom,that only these bulbs can give.If you order them now,with the July,or August discount deducted,our prices approach those of last year,when we offered lower prices,for orders at this time,which enable us to purchase more advantageously in Holland.Please order early.

There are two common errors,with regard to prices on these bulbs.The first is that there is a large profit in them.There is,instead,a very small margin of profit.It is the volume of sales,that permits the low prices.The other is the belief that all bulbs are alike,and that higher prices are not justified.This is not true,as any greenhouse man,forcing bulbs,can tell you.WE HANDLE ONLY GREENHOUSE FORCING GRADES,THE FINEST BULBS GROWN.

There is no special knowledge needed to ensure success with bulbs.Except in very hard soils,plant deeply.It is often well to peel the hard brown skin from Tulips,to insure even rooting.And-remember this.In Holland at flowering time,it is always cloudy.Shade your Tulips from bright sunlight,if you want the finest colors.

REMEMBER,--All our prices include delivery charges,east of the Mississippi River.Add 5% for points west.

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DAFFODILS.

No flower more truly indicates Spring,than does the Trumpet Daffodil. Here is a selection of ten of the finest of the large flowered sorts.

AEOLUS.Yellow trumpet,and white perianth,the entire flower tilting upward. The most perfect bicolor,as well as the largest.50¢ each.

G.H.VAN WAVEREN.A gorgeous yellow,dusted with gold.Early.50¢ each.

IMPERATOR.Largest of all white trumpets.Gorgeous,day or night.35¢ each.

JOHN FARQUHAR.A very showy,bright yellow,giant trumpet.Late. 35¢ each.

KING ALFRED.The standard of perfection in the pure yellow trumpets. 15¢ each.

MRS.E.H.KRELAGE.Snow white perianth,silvery trumpet.The white King Alfred.25¢

ROBERT SYDENHAM.Beautiful golden yellow trumpet,soft yellow perianth.25¢ each.

SPRING GLORY.Pure yellow trumpet,white perianth.Huge bicolor.10¢ each.

WEARDALE PERFECTION.Trumpet soft yellow,perianth white.A giant.50¢ each.

WHISTLER.Brilliant yellow trumpet;flat,soft yellow perianth. 25¢ each.

SINGLE EARLY TULIPS.

3 for 25¢; 10 for 65¢; 100 for $5.00.

COLEUR DE CARDINAL.Deep red,or crimson scarlet.Finely formed.
IBIS.Deep pink,and a brilliant colored flower.
KEIZERSKROON.Bright crimson scarlet,edged clear rich yellow.
MON TRESOR.Considered the finest yellow in its class.
PRINCE OF AUSTRIA.Reddish orange.Unusual and bright.

DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS.

3 for 25¢; 10 for 65¢; 100 for $5.00

COURONNE D'OR.Deep yellow,flaked orange.Splendid for forcing or outside.
MR.VAN DER HOEFF. Pure golden yellow.The finest for bedding and forcing.
ORANGE NASSAU.Brilliant orange red.Nothing like this for color.
PEACHBLOSSOM.Deep rose pink.Best for forcing,and wonderful outdoors.

LATE FLOWERING TULIPS.

3 for 20¢; 10 for 50¢; 100 for $4.50.

BARONNE DE LA TONNAYE.Bright rose,margined blush rose.26" tall.
BARTIGON.Fiery crimson,with a white base.Fine for forcing.22" tall.
CLARA BUTT.Clear pink,flushed salmon rose.21" tall.
FARNECOMBE SANDERS.Deep rose scarlet,with a white center. 25" tall.
FLAMINGO.Exquisite pure pink,with a satin sheen. 28" tall.
GRENADIER.Dazzlingly brilliant orange,with a yellow base.21" tall.
INGLESCOMBE YELLOW.Glossy canary yellow.Long tapered bud.Beautiful. 28" tall.
LE NOTRE.Beautiful shade of bright rose. 26" tall.
LOUIS XIV.Rich dark purple,flushed bronze,and a golden brown margin. 30" tall.
PICOTÉE.Cream white,faintly edged pink. 20" tall.
PRIDE OF HAARLEM.Brilliant rosy carmine,with a blue base.Fragrant. 30" tall.
PRINCESS ELIZABETH.Clear deep pink,changing to rose pink. 26" tall.
REV.H.EWBANK.Lilac mauve,shading to silvery blue.25" tall.
WILLIAM PITT.Very dark crimson,purplish bloom on outside of petals.22" tall.

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